

international issues of mutual concern in particular the fight against international terrorism and evolving situation in Afghanistan. German Chancellor condemned the terrorist attack in Srinagar on 1st October, and reiterated that Germany would not distinguish between acts of terrorism or between good & bad terrorists. Chancellor Schroeder suggested and Prime Minister agreed that both countries should meet at the highest political level annually. PM has accepted Chancellor Schroeder's invitation to visit Berlin in 2002. The need to strengthen economic linkages, particularly in infrastructure and IT was highlighted during the visit. Four agreements for German assistance totalling Rs. 670 crores for the 140 MW Integrated Solar Power Plant at mathania, Rajasthan, and assistance for programmes on integrated rural water supply, polio and fertilizers were signed during the visit.

Bangladesh's willingness to export petroleum gas to India

1264. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Government of Bangladesh is willing to export petroleum gas to India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to explore the possibility of importing gas from Bangladesh on economic consideration at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) and (b) The Government of India have been informed by the Government of Bangladesh that it was examining the possibility of export of gas to India.

**Fraudulent withdrawal of money from account of
Indian Embassy in Ukraine**

1265. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 35 lakhs has been fraudulently withdrawn from the account of the Indian Embassy in Ukraine;

(b) whether the Dollar A/C was opened with the permission of Government and in accordance with the rules and regulations in this regard;

(c) what is the progress of the case and whether Interpol help has been sought; and